



September 16, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation in MB Docket No. 16-161 *Revision to the Public Inspection File Requirements – Broadcasters Correspondence File and Cable Principal Headend Location*, and MB Docket No. 16-41 *Promoting the Availability of Diverse and Independent Sources of Video Programming*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 14, 2016, Jessica J. González and I of the National Hispanic Media Coalition met with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn's chief of staff, David Grossman, and intern Meagan Sunn about the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Notice of Inquiry in the above-referenced proceedings.

Ms. González emphasized that NHMC strongly opposes the Commission's tentative conclusion in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to eliminate the correspondence folder from broadcasters' public inspection file. The correspondence folder contains letters and emails from the public and remains an incredibly important tool for members of the community to hold their local broadcasters accountable. Ms. González referenced NHMC's comments that discussed its efforts to educate members of the community on the availability of this important resource.¹ Additionally, Ms. González noted that social media does not justify the elimination of the physical correspondence folder, especially when so many Latinos rely on over-the-air-broadcast and are less likely to have home broadband connections.² NHMC and several other public interest organizations jointly filed reply comments to demonstrate continuing public support for preserving this vital resource.³

¹ See Comments of the National Hispanic Media Coalition at 3, MB Dkt. No. 16-161, filed July 22, 2016, *available at* <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10723041968702/NHMC%20Comments%20in%2016-161.pdf>.

² See *id.* at 4.

³ See Reply Comments of the National Hispanic Media Coalition, the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, the Center of Media Justice, Common Cause, Communications Workers of America, Free Press, and Public Knowledge, MB Dkt.

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Ms. González again relayed NHMC's support for the issuance of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that protects independent and diverse programmers that also includes questions on whether the Commission itself has engaged in past conduct that has perpetuated racism and sexism, and stymied diverse programmers in the market.⁴ Finally, Ms. González expressed NHMC's support for the National Association of Broadcasters' opposition to the American Cable Association's request that the Commission seek comment on a rule restricting programmers from negotiating for carriage of Spanish-language and "urban interest" programming on rural systems.⁵

I respectfully submit this notice of ex parte presentation pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Sincerely,

/s/ Carmen Scurato

Policy Counsel

CC: David Grossman

No. 16-161, filed Aug. 22, 2016, *available at*
<https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10822001254275/Reply%20Comments%20in%2016-161.pdf>.

⁴ See, Letter from Jessica J. González, National Hispanic Media Coalition to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, in MB Dkt. No. 16-41, filed Sept. 7, 2016, *available at*
<https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/109071041827755/L-NHMC-UCC-FCC-re-Diverse&IndependentProgrammingNOI.pdf>.

⁵ See, Letter from Rick Kaplan, National Association of Broadcasters to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, in MB Dkt. No. 16-41, filed Sept. 7, 2016, *available at*
https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/1090714723430/NAB%20Reply%20to%20ACA%20Response%20Ex%20Parte%20090716_Dkt%2016-41.pdf.

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